

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the section entitled RELATED APPLICATIONS, on page 1, lines 4-9, as follows:

This application is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application filed on August 31, 2000 and having the same inventors and assignee: "System and Method for Efficient Management of Fibre Channel Communication" by Allen, Grande, and Kovacs (Application Serial Number 09/652,370; IBM Docket No. AUS000537US1).